

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West

Draft – Finding of No Significant Impact – Long-Term Transfer of Water From the Anderson- Cottonwood Irrigation District to the Bella Vista Water District FONSI No. NC-09-09

**Central Valley Project, CA
Mid-Pacific Region**



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Background

The Anderson-Cottonwood Irrigation District (ACID), a Sacramento River Settlement Contractor, and the Bella Vista Water District (District), a water service contractor, have requested approval of the transfer of up to 1,536 acre-feet (af) of Central Valley Project (CVP) water from the ACID to the District during the April through October period each year beginning April 1, 2010, and continuing through October 31, 2044. This transfer is part of an ongoing effort to optimize the use of water within the Redding area and is being undertaken pursuant to, and in full compliance with, Section 3405(a) of Public Law 102-575, Title 34, of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act.

Findings

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, the Bureau of Reclamation's Mid-Pacific Regional Office has determined that an Environmental Impact Statement is not required for this long-term transfer of up to 1,536 af of water per year.

This Finding of No Significant Impact is based on the following:

1. CVP operations will not be affected because the volume of water being released from the Shasta-Trinity-Whiskeytown complex of reservoirs would remain unchanged. Thus, the volume of cold water available to cool the river at the usual temperature compliance points will be unchanged.
2. Species listed under the Endangered Species Act will not be affected because the changes in flows in the river segment between the District and the ACID points of diversion will be immeasurable even at minimal flows, and the transfer will not affect entrainment or impingement of listed species because all points of diversion are screened.
3. Cultural resources will not be at risk because use of existing facilities will preclude construction impacts attributable to the transfer itself, and the expected use of the water within or adjacent to the city of Redding will preclude construction without further, site-specific review.
4. No Indian Trust Assets would be affected, as the ability to supply water to the Redding Rancheria and its properties will not be affected.

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5. The transfer is consistent with Federal policies on environmental justice because the proposed action will benefit lower- and higher-income neighborhoods equally.

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